

**Probate Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

April 22, 2004  
Minutes

1. Members present. The following members of the committee were present: Kevin Barton, Larry E. Bradley, Wayne Lennington, Peter Nemeth, and Terrence Cody, Chair.
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. The following guest was present: Judge Patricia Riley.
4. Approval of minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the January 16, 2004 meeting.
5. ISBA Report. Judge Cody reported to the Committee that the section met in January and decided to work on recommendations for additions to the trust code and against recommending the adoption of the Uniform Trust Code. Among other items, the section is still looking at expanding the scope of powers of attorney. The next section meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Local Probate Rules. Michelle distributed the reviews of local rules that were submitted prior to the meeting to the Committee and Judge Riley. Judge Riley thanked the Committee for their work and answered questions raised by Committee members concerning the end result of this project. Michelle was asked to continue to follow up with those who are still working on submissions for this project.
7. Proposed Amendment to Adm. R. 14. The Committee discussed Allen County's proposal to the Supreme Court concerning using video conferencing for mental health commitments. Overall, the Committee felt the proposal was well thought out and addressed the important issues in these types of cases. The Committee discussed two additions to Administrative Rule 14, as amended on March 2, 2004, which are to include "employees of private placement providers" and "foster parents" to the list of witnesses that are not subject to the requirement that their counsel be present personally with them. The Committee asked Michelle to draft the response to the Supreme Court and circulate it to the Committee for final approval.
8. Next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle C. Goodman